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SUBJECT: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT-ELECT BARACK

OBAMA FROM GERB POLITICAL PARTY

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11. Mr. Tsvetan Tsvetanov, Chairman of GERB Political Party, sent a congratulatory letter to President-elect Barack Obama on behalf of himself and Mr. Boyko Borrisov, mayor of the city of Sofia and leader of the GERB party. The signed original will be sent via diplomatic pouch.

12. Begin text:

Dear Mr. Obama,

On the behalf of Boyko Borrisov, leader of GERB, and myself, please accept our most sincere congratulations on the impressive results that you achieved in the presidential elections in the USA. The result confirms that the people of your great country are willing to make the change that will return America to its place as a beacon of democracy and freedom. I am convinced that your election as president will inspire many countries in the world to follow the American values.

I am convinced that your presidency will open a new chapter in the Trans-Atlantic partnership and will strengthen the cooperation between the United States and the European Union. As a democratic party, member of the European People's Party, let me assure you that I look forward to strengthening the contacts between GERB and your party, as well as the cordial relationship between the USA and Bulgaria.

Please accept my most sincere salutations for your victory,

Sincerely yours,

Tsvetan Tsvetanov Chairman of PP GERB Bulgaria

End text. McEldowney